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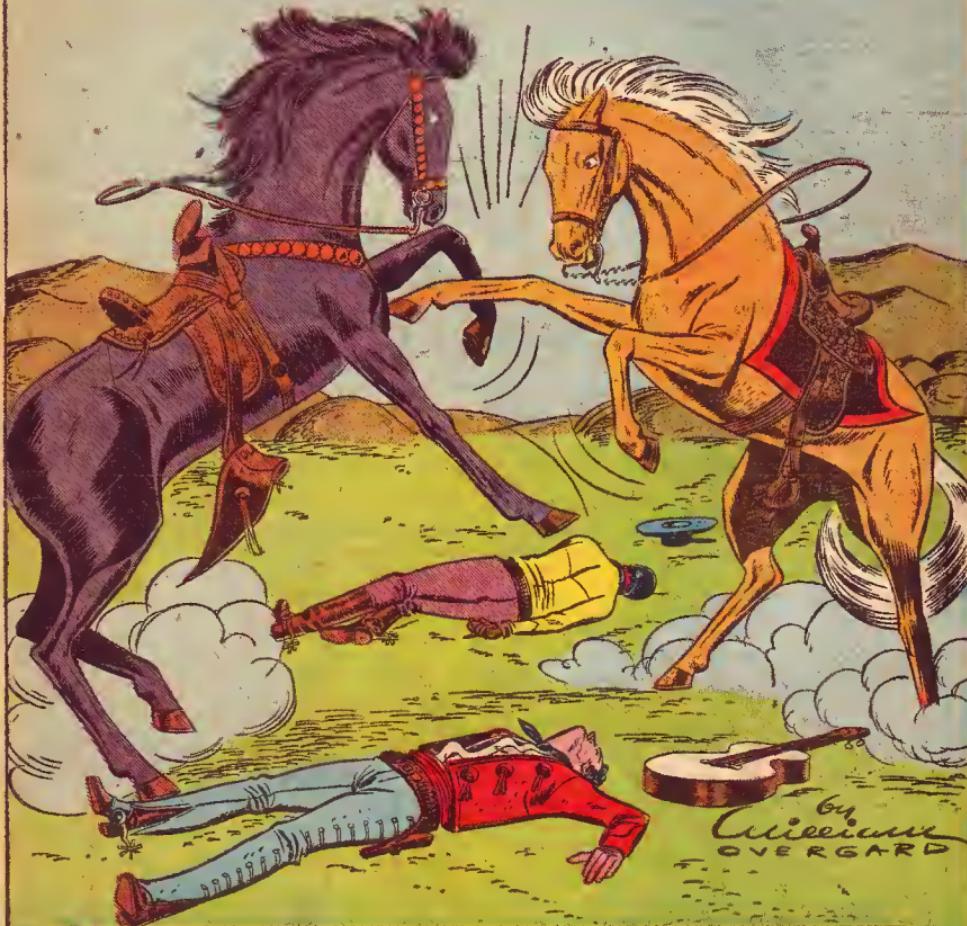




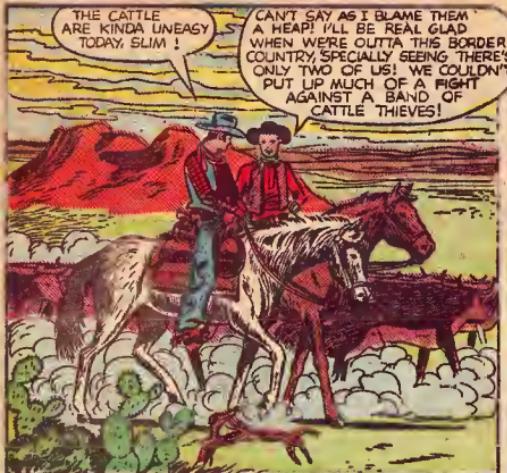
# BLACK DIAMOND

## AND THE BATTLE OF THE STALLIONS!

**N**EVER WAS THERE A MORE GAY OR DASHING BANDIT THAN RANDITO, ALSO KNOWN AS EL DIABLO, OR "THE DEVIL". BUT BENEATH THIS EXTERIOR OF APPARENT GLAMOR WAS ONE OF THE MOST CRUEL AND VICIOUS OUTLAWS IN THE HISTORY OF THE WEST! WITH HIS GREAT STALLION, EL LOBO, HE TERRORIZED THE CATTLEMEN OF THE SOUTHWEST TERRITORY!



**W**ITH THEIR MASTERS UNCONSCIOUS AT THEIR FEET, TWO POWERFUL STALLIONS STRUGGLE IN A FIERCE BATTLE TO THE DEATH - ONE LOYAL TO AN OUTLAW, THE OTHER TO A PEACEMAKER, BOTH DETERMINED THAT THE OTHER SHALL DIE!



LATER - IN RIMROCK...

SHERIFF, SHERIFF!  
LOU CRANDLE'S OUTFIT  
JUST LOST A HUNDRED  
HEAD TO EL DIABLO  
AT SANTOS BASIN!

THAT'S NOTHIN'!  
THESE FELLAS JUST  
WALKED IN FROM  
FRESNO RISE! HE  
GOT THEIR  
CLOTHES TOO!

...AND AT SANDSUN STRETCH...

YOU DO YOU  
RECKON DONE  
IT?

NO DOUBT  
ABOUT IT!  
EL DIABLO!!

...AND TRAIL TOWN...

NO SIR, I'M NOT TAKING MY HERD  
DOWN THAT TRAIL! EL DIABLO'S IN  
THE TERRITORY - I'D SOONER LET 'EM  
DIE FROM OLD AGE HERE IN  
TOWN!



THE SITUATION HAS GROWN  
TO DANGEROUS PROPORTIONS,  
BLACK DIAMOND! THAT'S WHY  
AS PRESIDENT OF THE CATTLE-  
MEN'S ASSOCIATION I'VE SENT FOR  
YOU! EITHER WE STOP SENDING  
OUR CATTLE THROUGH THE  
REGULAR TRAIL ALTOGETHER, OR  
FIND A NEW, LONGER ROUTE...  
BOTH WILL MEAN  
FINANCIAL RUIN!

YOU SAY THAT  
THIS INFUX OF  
RUSTLING CAN BE  
TRACED TO ONE  
MAN?



DEFINITELY! THE MAN BEHIND  
IT IS A BANDIT CALLED RANDON OR  
EL DIABLO, "THE DEVIL"! HE AND HIS  
BAND HOLE UP SOMEWHERE IN THE  
MOUNTAINS - AND WHEN OUR POSSES  
DO CLOSE IN, HE SIMPLY SLIPS OVER  
THE BORDER OUT OF OUR  
JURISDICTION! IF THERE WERE  
JUST SOME WAY TO DRAW HIM  
INTO THE OPEN!

CERTAINLY  
HE HAS SOME  
WEAKNESS OR  
HABIT WE COULD  
TRAP HIM WITH!



WELL, FROM WHAT I'VE  
HEARD, HE'S EXTREMELY VAIN  
MUCH GIVEN TO BOASTING,  
AND...OH, YES, HE'S A  
GREAT ONE FOR THE  
LADIES!

SAY, WAIT!  
THAT GIVES ME  
AN IDEA! A  
LADIES MAN, EH?  
IT MIGHT BE A  
WAY TO LURE HIM  
OUT OF THE  
HILLS!

GOOD HEAVEN'S!  
MAN! YOU'RE NOT  
THINKING OF USING  
A WOMAN AS  
BAIT?

IN A SENSE, SIR -  
BUT LEAVE THAT  
TO ME! WHAT I WANT  
FROM YOU PEOPLE  
IS MANPOWER! HOW  
MANY MEN CAN YOU  
MUSTER FOR A  
POSSE?



EVERY RANCHER  
IN THE TERRITORY  
WILL RALLY IF  
THERE'S A CHANCE  
TO GET THIS  
DEVIL!

GOOD ENOUGH!  
HAVE THEM  
READY BY SUNUP  
TOMORROW, AND  
WE'LL GIVE THIS  
BANDIT A SHOCK  
HE'LL NEVER  
FORGET!



OH, THE SUN IS WARM AND RANDITO IS LAZY AND ANYONE WHO BOTHERS HIM IS VERY, VERY CRAZY...

OF COURSE, EL DIABLO, OF COURSE!

HEY, YOU, PEDRO! TAKE GOOD CARE TO BRUSH MY HORSE, OR I BREAK YOUR BACK PERSONALLY!

DID YOU EVER SEE SUCH A FINE HORSE, MY FRIEND? A HUNDRED TIMES HE HAS SAVED RANDITO'S LIFE! HE RUNS LIKE THE WIND! HE NOWHERE IS THERE ANOTHER THAT COULD CATCH HIM!

AND WHO BUT THE GREAT RANDITO CAN HANDLE HIM? IT HAS BEEN SAID THOSE HOOFs HAVE KILLED AS MANY TIMES AS EL DIABLO HIMSELF!



HOLD ON, RANDITO! THIS SETUP DOESN'T LOOK TOO HOT! WHAT WOULD A WOMAN BE DOING ALL BY HERSELF OUT HERE IN THE BADLANDS? IF WE LEAVE THE PROTECTION OF THE ROCKS, WE'RE ASKING A POSSE'S AMBUSH!

BAH! YOU HAVE THE BLOOD OF AN OLD WOMAN! WHO WOULD DARE TRY TO TRICK EL DIABLO...

HMM... BUT THAT IS A THOUGHT! MAYBE HE SPEAKS THE TRUTH!







THERE HE IS, AHEAD ON  
THE RIM OF SANDSUN BASIN,  
FLAUNTING THAT FAST HORSE  
OF HIS! COME ON, RELIAPON—  
WE'LL SHOW HIM! HM, HE'S  
NOT REACHING FOR  
HIS GUN!



AHH...IF MY EYES DO NOT  
DECEIVE ME, THAT IS THE  
FAMOUS BLACK DIAMOND!  
WE WILL WAIT UNTIL HE  
COMES INTO A FAIR  
RACING DISTANCE, AND  
THEN LEAVE HIM IN  
THE DUST!

OKAY!  
SIDDAB!



RANDITO, HALT  
IN THE NAME OF  
THE LAW! YOU'RE  
UNDER ARREST!

SERIOR, DIAMOND, YOU ARE  
WELCOME TO ARREST ME IF  
YOU CAN CATCH ME! ADIOS!  
YOU ARE LUCKY—I COULD  
HAVE SHOT YOU, BUT I  
WOULD RATHER MAKE  
YOU LOOK LIKE THE  
FOOL YOU ARE!



COME ON,  
RELIAPON—IF  
HE WANTS A  
RACE, WE'LL  
GIVE IT TO  
HIM!



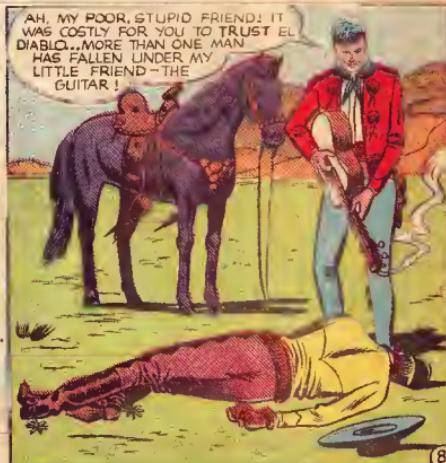
ADELANTE!  
ADELANTE!  
HE'S  
STAYING  
WITH US!

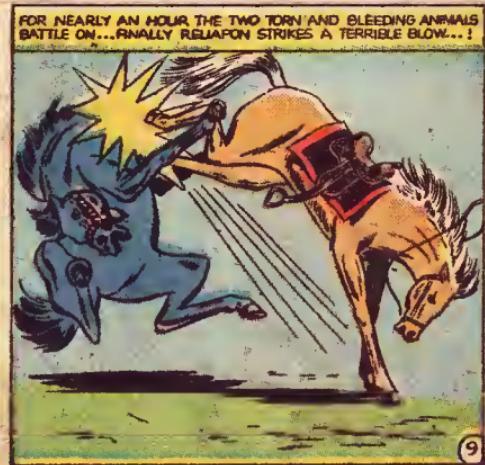
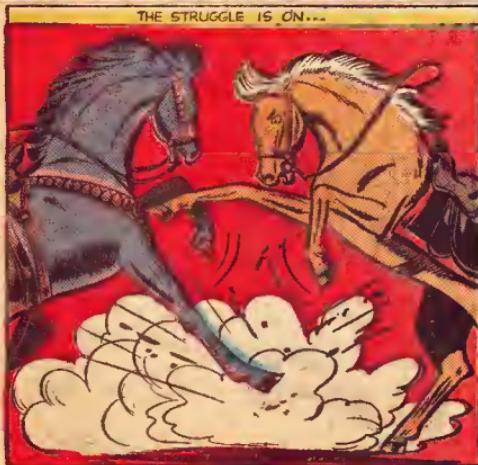
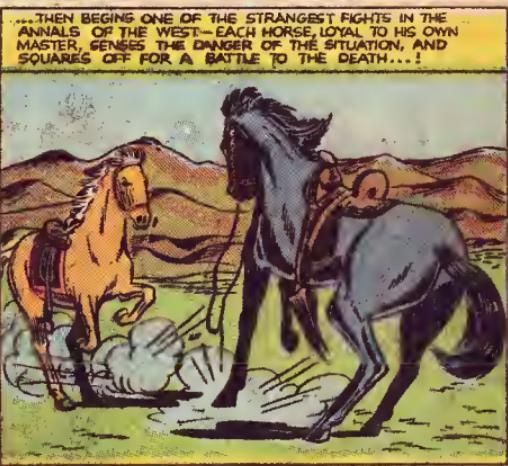
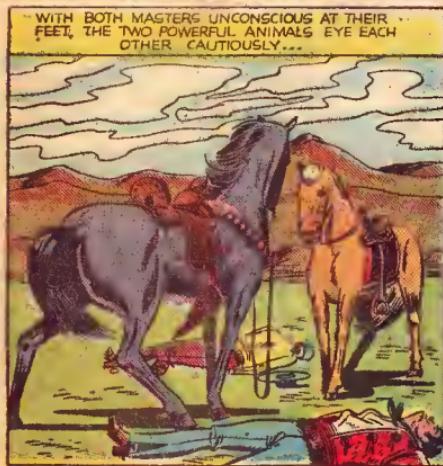


COME ON,  
RELIAPON!

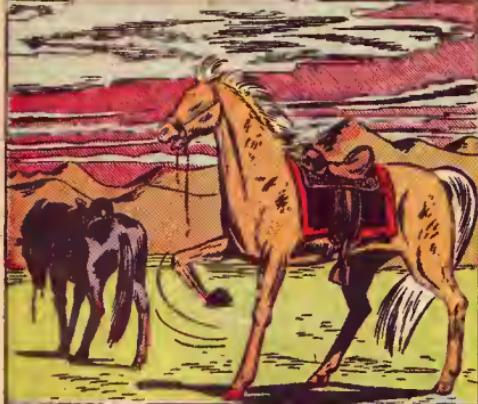
THIS CAN  
NOT BE! HE'S  
GAINING!



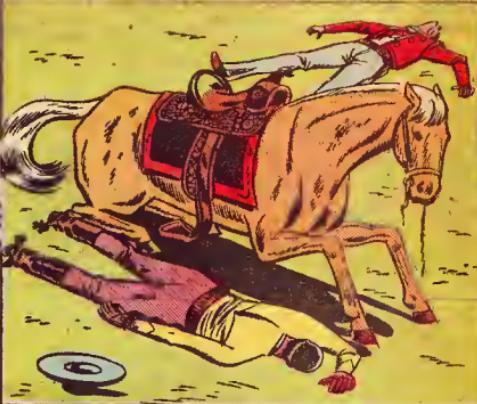




BEATEN AND EXHAUSTED, RANDITO'S GREAT STALLION LUMPS OFF AND COLLAPSES NEARBY...



RELIJAPON SNIFFS HIS MASTER CAREFULLY, AND SATISFIED, HE IS STILL ALIVE, LAYS DOWN NEXT TO HIM TO PROTECT HIM FROM THE COLD AND WIND...



ALL THAT NIGHT RELIJAPON STAYED THERE! FINALLY DAWN BROKE...



I MUST BE GETTING CLOSE-TRACKS ARE FRESHER! HEY, WHAT'S THAT AHEAD? BUZZARDS!!



DIAMOND! DIAMOND!



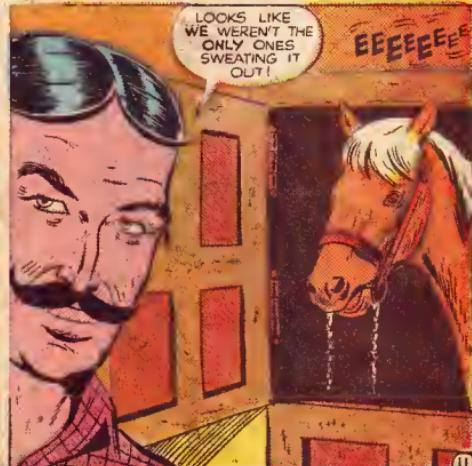
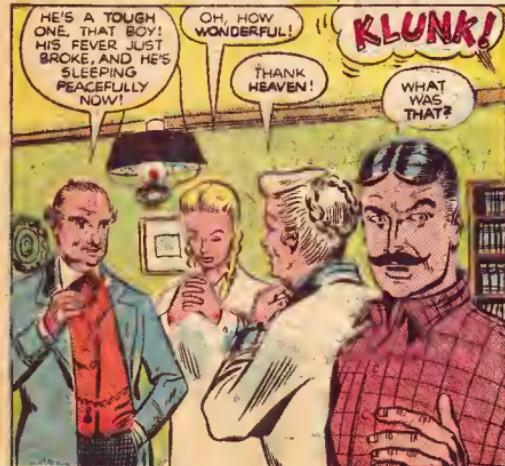
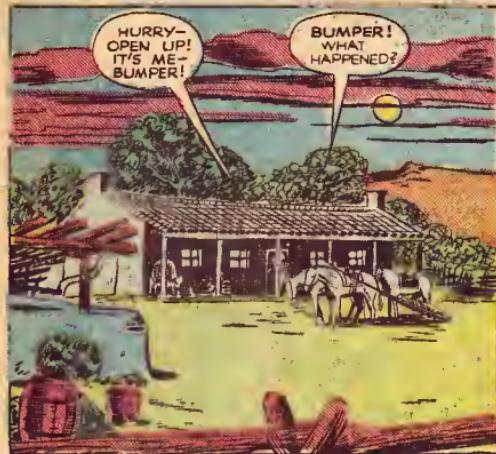
THANK HEAVENS HE'S STILL BREATHING! NOW IF I CAN JUST STOP THE BLEEDING!



RELIJAPON, YOU'RE IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE TOO! I WISH YOU COULD TALK!

I'VE FIXED THEIR WOUNDS AS BEST I COULD! NOW IF I CAN JUST GET HIM TO THE RANCH IN TIME!

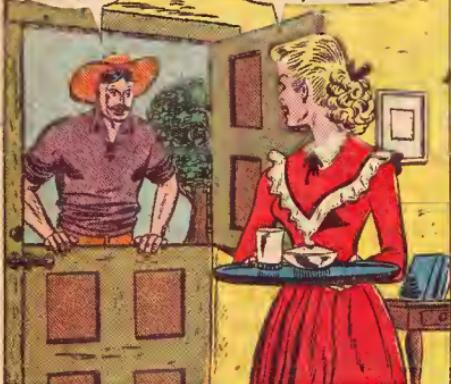




LATER...

WELL, HOW'S THE INVALID TODAY, PAT?

HE'S MUCH BETTER, BUMPER—SITTING UP IN FACT! GO ON 'N'! HE WANTS TO SEE YOU!



SAY, BUMPER, WHAT HAPPENED TO EL DIABLO? I FORGOT ALL ABOUT HIM IN THE EXCITEMENT!

OH, I DELIVERED HIM TO THE SHERIFF, A LITTLE WORSE FOR WEAR BUT IN HANGING CONDITION! AFTER HE SHOT YOU RELIAPON PUT HIM TO SLEEP! HE WAS STILL OUT WHEN I GOT THERE!



YOU CAN THANK RELIAPON FOR SAVING YOUR LIFE! HE FOUGHT OFF THAT BIG STALLION AND WATCHED OVER YOU LIKE A HAWK TILL I CAME!

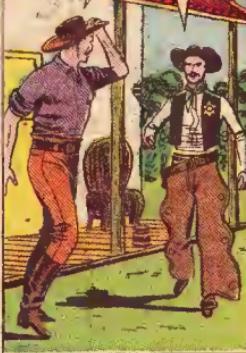
GOOD OLD RELIAPON!

YOU'D BETTER LET BOB SLEEP, BUMPER! HE'S GOT A LOT OF RESTING TO DO!



SAY, HERE COMES THE SHERIFF! I WONDER WHAT HE WANTS! I RODE ALL THE WAY FROM TOWN TO GIVE YOU A LITTLE PRESENT!

HOWDY, SHERIFF!



A PRESENT FOR ME? WHAT IS IT?

LOOK!



HOLY SMOKE! IT'S RANDITO'S BLACK STALLION "EL LOBO"!



RIGHT! WHEN HE NAMED THAT FIREBALL "THE WOLF" HE WASN'T KIDDIN'! THE BOYS COULDN'T DO ANYTHING WITH HIM! HE'S REALLY AN OUTLAW—AND SO WE FIGURED AS LONG AS YOU CAUGHT RANDITO, YOU MIGHT AS WELL HAVE HIM—WELL...

SO LONG!

HEY, SHERIFF—WAIT! NOW WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO WITH HIM?

WHAT WILL BUMPER DO WITH HIS NEWLY-INHERITED BALL OF FIRE THAT NOBODY ELSE WANTS? WILL BUMPER BE ABLE TO RIDE THE ONE-MASTER HORSE? READ THE OTHER BLACK DIAMOND STORY IN THIS ISSUE FOR THE ANSWER!

THE END

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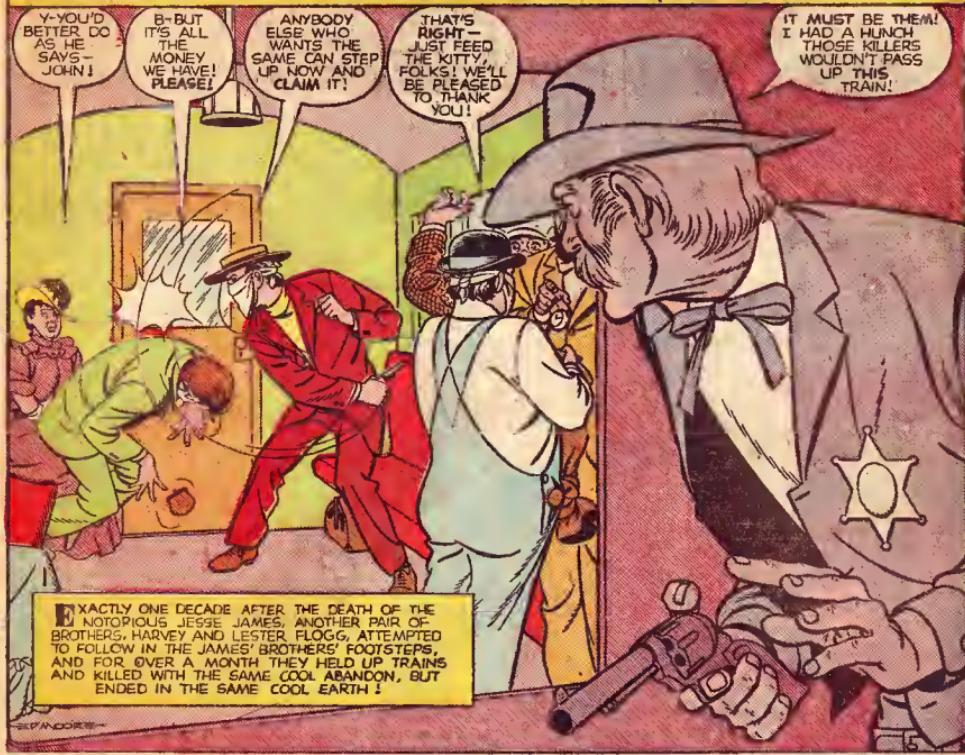
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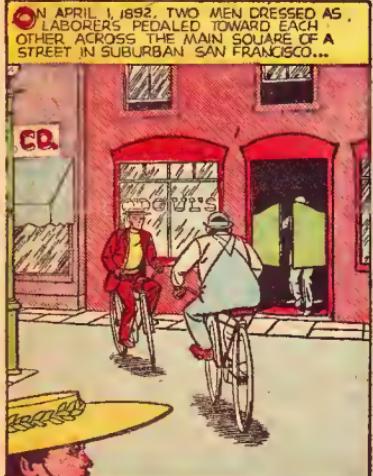
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# The PHANTOM FLOGG BROTHERS

THESE DESPERADOES RODE BICYCLES  
INSTEAD OF HORSES—BUT THEY STILL  
WOUND UP IN POTTER'S FIELD!



EXACTLY ONE DECADE AFTER THE DEATH OF THE NOTORIOUS JESSE JAMES, ANOTHER PAIR OF BROTHERS, HARNEY AND LESTER FLOGG, ATTEMPTED TO FOLLOW IN THE JAMES' BROTHERS' FOOTSTEPS, AND FOR OVER A MONTH THEY HELD UP TRAINS AND KILLED WITH THE SAME COOL ABANDON, BUT ENDED IN THE SAME COOL EARTH!









ISN'T HARD  
TO SEE HOW THEY  
MADE THEIR GETAWAY  
THIS TIME! THEY LEFT  
THE ENGINE ON THOSE  
TRACKS AND PROBABLY  
HAD THEIR HORSES  
WAITING BY THE  
ROAD!

SOMEONE  
MUST  
HAVE SEEN THEM  
PASS! MAYBE WE  
CAN FIND OUT  
WHERE THEY  
WERE HEADING!

IT LOOKS LIKE  
THEY'VE GIVEN US  
THE SLIP AGAIN!  
NOT MUCH AROUND  
HERE SEEMS TO  
HAVE BEEN TWO  
STRANGE MEN  
RIDE BY ON  
HORSEBACK!

MAYBE! ONE  
THING, THOUGH -  
THEY WON'T GO  
BACK TO SMALL  
JOBS AFTER THIS  
HAUL! THEY'LL BE  
SURE TO TRY THE  
TRAINS AGAIN!

AND ON APRIL 24, THE ENGINEER OF  
THE PACIFIC EXPRESS WAS STARTLED  
BY THE TOUCH OF COLD STEEL AND  
THE SOUND OF A SNARLING VOICE...

STOP  
THE CAR  
OR YOUR  
DEAD!

W-WHAT'S A REGULAR  
JESSE JAMES, ARE YOU?  
OKAY, MISTER! YOU  
GOT THE GUN!

TAKE IT EASY.. EASE HER  
ALONG A LITTLE MORE! OKAY  
STOP HER RIGHT HERE!

ALL RIGHT - YOU MUST  
HAVE HEARD ABOUT US,  
SO YOU KNOW WE MEAN  
BUSINESS! DO AS WE  
SAY, AND YOU WON'T  
GET HURT!

OPEN  
THAT SAFE  
AND BE  
QUICK  
ABOUT  
IT!

I CAN'T!  
THEY HAVEN'T  
BEEN GIVIN' US  
THE COMBINATIONS  
EVER SINCE YOU  
FELLOWS HELD UP  
THAT OTHER  
TRAIN!

QUIT HANDIN' ME  
THAT BUNK! I'LL GIVE  
YOU SOMETHING TO  
LOOSEN YOUR  
TONGUE!

OW! BELIEVE  
ME - I KNOW YOU  
MEAN BUSINESS!  
I'D GIVE IT TO YOU  
IF I COULD - BUT  
I CAN'T!

STOP! HE'S RIGHT! THEY DON'T  
GIVE THE MESSENGERS THE COMBINATION  
ANY MORE! THAT SORT OF STUFF  
WON'T DO ANY GOOD!

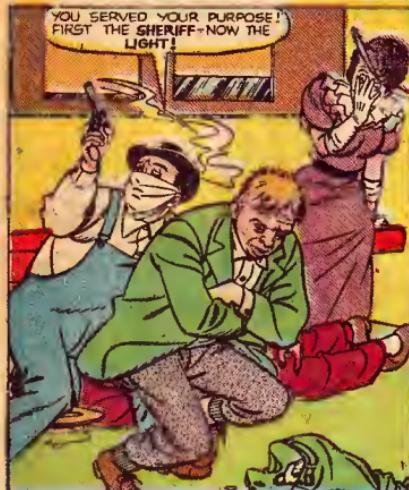
HE LOOKS LIKE  
HE'S TELLIN' THE  
TRUTH, BROTHER!

WE'RE HERE TO GET MONEY, SO WE'LL  
TAKE IT FROM THE PASSENGERS, INSTEAD!

WUP!

TAKE OFF  
YOUR BRITCHES!







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# BLACK DIAMOND'S NARROWEST ESCAPE!

INTO THE TERRITORY OF THE EARLY FRONTIER COMES A MASTER CRIMINAL WITH A SHREWD PLAN TO TAKE A MILLION IN GOLD FROM THE STAGES OF A DOZEN DIFFERENT ROUTES! RIDE WITH THE BLACK DIAMOND AS HE TRAILS THIS FIENDISHLY CLEVER KILLER INTO A TRAP FROM WHICH ONLY ONE CAN EMERGE ALIVE!

I'LL FIX THAT BLASTED BLACK DIAMOND, ONCE AND FOR ALL!

HE'S STOPPED SHOOTING! HE MUST BE OUT OF AMMUNITION! I'LL RUSH HIM!

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I'LL TELL YOU WHY  
I'VE COME TO YOU, BOB—  
I'VE HAD MY BEST MEN  
ON THIS CASE WITH NO  
RESULTS! MAYBE THE  
UNCONVENTIONAL METHODS  
OF THE BLACK DIAMOND  
CAN SUCCEED—WHERE  
ROUTINE AND RED TAPE  
HAVE FAILED...THAT IS,  
IF YOU FEEL 'UP  
TO IT?

THERE'S YOUR  
ANSWER, MARSHA!  
NOW, WHERE DO  
I BEGIN?



IN THE MEANTIME...

IT COULDN'T BE  
CLEARER. WORK WITH  
THIS SYSTEM YOU GOT  
WORKED OUT—WE'RE  
RUNNING RINGS AROUND  
THE LAW! HOW DO YOU  
DO IT, BOSS?



I TOLD YOU BOYS WHEN WE  
STARTED THAT THIS WAS A BIG-  
TIME OPERATION! NO SMALL  
POTATOES FOR ME...I STUDIED  
THIS SETUP FOR A YEAR BEFORE  
I WENT INTO ACTION...



I WORKED IN WELLS  
FARGO OFFICES ALL UP  
AND DOWN THE  
TERRITORIES, GETTING A  
LINE ON THE WAY THEY  
OPERATED, AND LEARNING  
THEIR SCHEDULES!



IT'S SURE PAYING  
OFF—THIRTY GRAND  
IN THE LAST  
TWO MONTHS  
ISN'T CHICKEN  
FEED!

YEAH—AND MOVING  
FROM TERRITORY TO  
TERRITORY ON TRAINS  
HAS REALLY GOT THE  
LAW WORRIED. THEY  
DO KNOW WHETHER  
HE COMIN' OR  
GOIN'!

THAT'S THE MAIN THING—  
TO KEEP MOVING—AND FAITH  
KEEP THEM IN GIRDLES! NOW  
LISTEN, CARL—ALWAYS I'M  
GONNA OVER THE PLATE FOR  
THE LAST TIME. I'LL BE JUST  
LIKE THE JOB IN ABILENE.  
REMEMBER?



AT 4:00 WE BOARDED THE TRAIN, BEING  
VERY CAREFUL TO MAKE ACQUAINTANCES  
AND ESTABLISH OUR PRESENCE IN CASE  
WE NEEDED ALIBIS...



AT 1:03 THAT NIGHT, THE TRAIN PULLED INTO GOLDPOINT BASIN, WHERE IT LAID OVER FOR TWO HOURS TO TAKE ON FREIGHT - WE RETIRED TO OUR STATEROOM, HUNG OUT A DO NOT DISTURB SIGN ON THE DOOR, AND SLIPPED OUT OF THE WINDOW...

...WE RENTED THREE HORSES, RODE THE SHORT-CUT OVER THE PASS AND WAITED FOR THE STAGECOACH AT BIG ROCK ROAD...

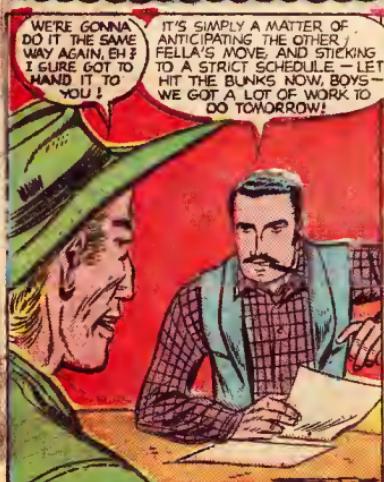


AT 2:20 WE STOPPED THE STAGE AND GRABBED THE GOLD SHIPMENT, DISABLED THE STAGE, TURNED THEIR HORSES LOOSE, AND RODE FOR TOWN...



WE'RE GONNA DO IT THE SAME WAY AGAIN, EH? I SURE GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU!

IT'S SIMPLY A MATTER OF ANTICIPATING THE OTHER FELLA'S MOVE, AND STICKING TO A STRICT SCHEDULE - LET'S HIT THE BUNKS NOW, BOYS - WE GOT A LOT OF WORK TO DO TOMORROW!



TWO DAYS LATER IN ABILENE...

WELL, DIAMOND, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I'LL HAVE TO ADMIT, BUMPER, IT'S ALL PRETTY BAFFLING! WE'VE RE-QUESTIONED ALL THE WITNESSES, AND COVERED THE SPOT WHERE THE HOLD-UP TOOK PLACE, AND THERE'S NOT A CLUE TO BE HAD!



OH, DIAMOND! DIAMOND! HOLD IT, BUMPER! IT'S THE TELEGRAPHER!

GLAD I CAUGHT YOU BEFORE YOU LEFT, DIAMOND. IMPORTANT NEWS JUST CAME IN ON THE WIRES! THE STAGE AT GOLDFIELD BASIN WAS HELD UP LAST NIGHT! THE BANDITS GOT \$20,000!

GOLDFIELD BASIN! WHY THAT'S OVER TWO HUNDRED MILES FROM HERE! ANY DESCRIPTION OF THE BANDITS?



YEP! IT WAS THE SAME BUNCH, ALL RIGHT!

HOLY SMOKE! HOW DO THEY DO IT? I'M BEGINNING TO WONDER IF WE'LL EVER CATCH THEM! WHERE WILL THEY STRIKE NEXT?

WE'LL GET THEM, BUMPER! BUT IT WON'T BE EASY!



OH, I FORGOT TO TELL YOU—ONE OF THE BANDITS WAS SHOT DURING THE HOLDUP! THE OTHER TWO, TOO. TOOK HIM AWAY, BUT THE GUARD SAID HE WAS BADLY WOUNDED!

WOW, THAT'S REAL IMPORTANT... NOW AT LEAST WE'VE GOT SOME-THING TO WORK ON!

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING, DIAMOND?

ONLY ONE THING WE CAN DO, BUMPER—SIT TIGHT AND WAIT! WITH ONE OF THEM WOUNDED, THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GET HELP! WE'LL ALERT ALL THE DOCTORS IN THAT AREA, AND WAIT FOR RESULTS! I'LL BET THOSE BANDITS ARE SWEATING IT OUT RIGHT NOW!

AND ON THE TRAIN SPEEDING TOWARD SANTE FE...



OF COURSE I'M BLEEDING BAD—YOU SIMPLE IDIOT... I'VE GOT TO HAVE A DOCTOR AND FAST!

SAY, I WAS TALKING TO ONE BEFORE WE SNEAKED OFF FOR THE STAGE JOB... HE'S IN THE FIRST CAR! I'LL GET HIM!

YEAH, BUT IS THAT SAFE, BOSS?



SAFE OR NOT GET HIM BEFORE I BLEED TO DEATH! WELL, WORRY ABOUT SAFETY LATER!



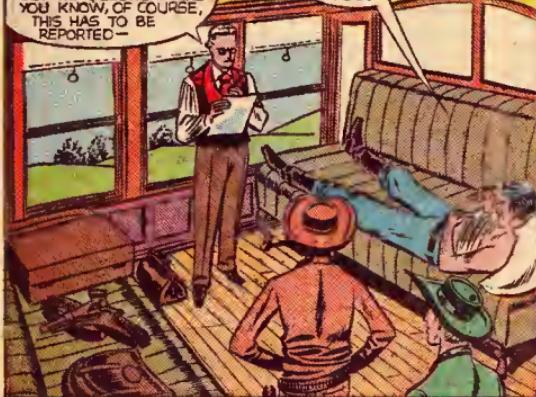
THERE, MR. RECKER, I'VE STOPPED THE BLEEDING—YOU'RE ALL RIGHT NOW! THE BULLET WENT CLEAR THROUGH, LUCKILY. YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE IT EASY, BUT YOU'LL BE AS GOOD AS NEW IN A MONTH OR SO... HOW DID YOU SAY IT HAPPENED?

I DIDN'T SAY, DOC!



NOW IF YOU'LL JUST TELL ME HOW IT HAPPENED I'LL FILL OUT MY QUESTIONNAIRE - YOU KNOW, OF COURSE, THIS HAS TO BE REPORTED -

YOU AIN'T REPORTING NOTHING, DOC!



YOU CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THIS!

THIS SAYS I CAN! NOW SIT TIGHT UNTIL WE GET INTO THE NEXT TOWN! WE'VE GOT HORSES WAITING THERE, AND WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE TRIP!



LATER, IN ABILENE...

WE'VE BEEN HANGING AROUND TOWN FOR ALMOST A WEEK NOW, DIAMOND. WITHOUT A SINGLE BREAK! ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME WE GAVE UP AND STARTED LOOKING AROUND FOR A NEW ANGLE?



MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, BUMPER - WAIT UNTIL I GO THROUGH THESE REPORTS ON THE DOCTORS IN THE TERRITORY... HMM.. THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYTHING HERE - WAIT! WHAT'S THIS? - A DOCTOR DISAPPEARED FROM A TRAIN NEAR SANTA FE!

WHERE'S THAT OTHER REPORTER - YES, HERE IT IS - THREE MEN ALSO LEFT THE TRAIN SECRETLY ABOUT THE SAME TIME - SAY - THESE THINGS ARE ADDING UP - BUMPER, COME ON! WE'RE RIDING FOR SANTA FE!



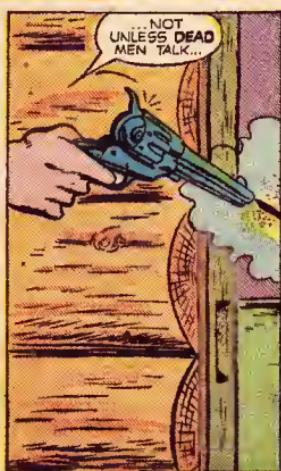
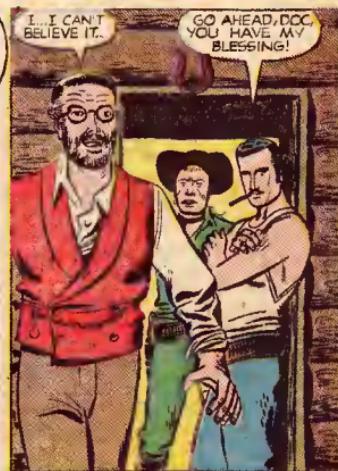
WE'VE BEEN RIDING TWO DAYS; WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?

YOU'LL FIND OUT, DOC! WE GOT A LITTLE SHACK UP IN THE HILLS WHERE NOBODY WILL GET NOSEY!



THERE IT IS, DOC! NICE LITTLE SETUP, EH? OVERLOOKS THE WHOLE VALLEY - NICE VIEW, IN CASE ANYBODY GETS ANY IDEAS ABOUT LOOKING FOR US -





YOU HAD ME WORRIED FOR A MINUTE, DICK - I THOUGHT YOU WERE REALLY GOING TO LET THE DOC GO!

YEAH, ME, TOO!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT A THING, BOYS! I'VE GOT EVERYTHING FIGURED OUT - NOW THAT I'VE TAKEN CARE OF DOC, I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU BOYS GOT YOUR CUT!



SWELL, DICK! I BEEN ITCHING TO GET MY HANDS ON SOME OF THAT DOUGH!

YEAH, WHEN DO WE GET OUR SHARE?

RIGHT NOW, BOYS! RIGHT NOW!



BANG! BANG!

BANG!

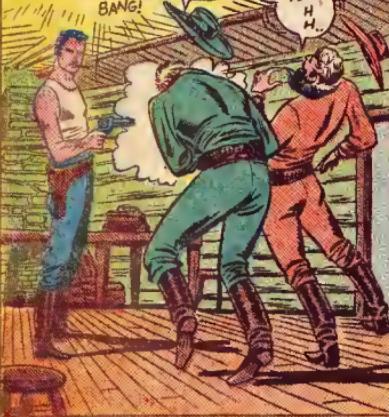
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NO! NO-OO...

AHH

HH

HH



WELL THAT TAKES CARE OF THOSE FATHEADS! NO WORRIES ABOUT SPLITTING THE SWAG NOW! I'LL HAVE TO GET RID OF THESE CORPSES!



HE COULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR WITH THAT SLUG IN HIS BACK! I'LL CATCH UP WITH HIM - I'VE GOT TO!



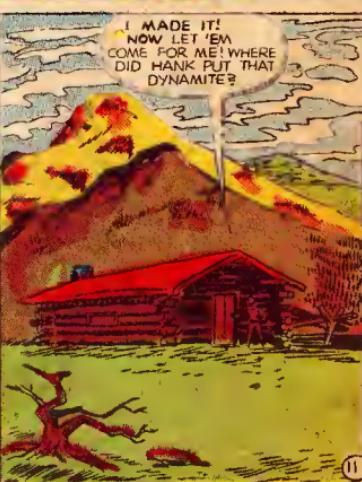
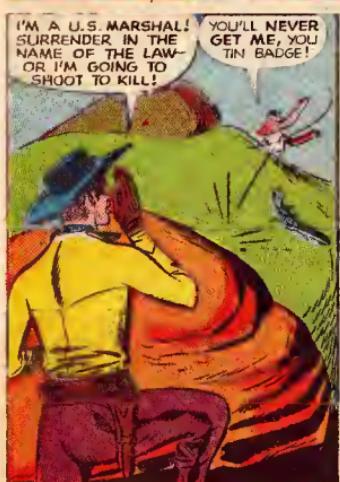
ALMOST... DOWN... THE MOUNTAIN... IF I CAN... JUST... MAKE IT TO THE MAIN... TRAIL...



DIAMOND, WE'VE BEEN SCOURING THESE HILLS FOR TWO DAYS NOW! WHAT ARE YOU EXPECTING TO FIND?

THOSE MEN THAT DISAPPEARED FROM THE TRAIN COULDN'T JUST HAVE VANISHED! THEY'VE GOT TO BE SOMEWHERE IN THIS REGION! I KNOW IT'S A LONG SHOT, BUT IT'S ALL WE'VE GOT TO GO ON! HEY, WHO'S THAT STAGGERING MAN?







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# WHO WAS THE BLUE CANYON BANDIT?

THE STAGE bumped and heaved its way slowly up the long grade. The day was hot and still, and the dust that rolled up with each turn of the wheel settled unrelentingly over the three weary passengers. None of them had spoken for the last ten miles—exhaustion and heat had killed the few attempts at conversation. But there was still a nervous tension among them that seemed to extend even to the driver and the horses.

In one corner of the stage sat Henry Craighead, president of the Gold City Bank. He had been sleeping fitfully for an hour or so, but finally gave up, attempted to brush the ever-present dust from his clothes, and leaned out the window to call to the driver.

"How much longer do you figger it'll take, Sam?"

"About four or five hours, Mr. Craighead, with any kind of luck. We'll be stopping at Mills' Post in about ten minutes to water the horses, and then we hit the Canyon." Sam's edginess was apparent in his voice. In the first place, he didn't like any part of Henry Craighead, and in the second place, he particularly didn't like having him in the stage when they were going through the Blue River Canyon. Craighead never travelled without large sums of money for his various transactions, and Sam was pretty sure that this time he was carrying the payroll for the new mill at Gold City Gulch. And the Blue River Canyon was the place the stage had been robbed four times in the last two months. The twisting gullies that led into the Canyon and the rocky formations along the river couldn't have been better planned for surprise attack and quick getaway.

As Sam urged the horses up the grade, he thought back to the robberies. Each time the technique had been the same: each time one of the passengers had ordered Sam to halt, robbed the other passengers, thrown any guns aboard into the creek, and made his escape on a horse tethered down near the river bed. After each robbery, the company had provided a guard to ride with Sam for the next few days, but nothing would happen when he was along. Obviously the thief knew when there was to be a guard aboard, and more important, he always seemed to know when there was a likelihood of a good haul. The one thing that baffled Sam was that each time the job had been pulled by a different person. Either it was stretching coincidence to the breaking point, or else the thief was a master of disguise.

"Well," he thought, "none of the passengers in this load would pull a deal like that!" Certainly not Craighead—he was the one who stood to lose, and anyway his wits worked their harm in mortgages and shady trading deals—not in daylight robberies that demanded nerve and skill. Miss Lucy Thorne certainly could be counted out. She'd been the schoolteacher at

Gold City for a year now, and there was nobody so proper or well-liked. And as for the third passenger, a stranger named Harvey Pecker—why a cheap, flashy boomer like him couldn't even hold his own on a horse, much less hold up the stage!

"Hey, folks! We're comin' to Mills' Post," hollered Sam. "You can rest for ten minutes before we start the last stretch."

He reined in the horses and braked the stage in front of Old Man Mills' dilapidated store. Pecker, a salesman, stepped down from the stage, straightening his rumpled, checked suit and adjusting the gaudy glass pin that kept his tie in place. He held the door open and helped Miss Lucy down.

"Watch your step there, ma'am! It's a bit loose, and . . ."

"Oh, I'm slipping!" And Miss Lucy fell in a muddle of scarves, veils, and skirts, carrying Mr. Pecker down with her. With apologies and embarrassed murmurs, the two disentangled themselves and rose.

"Oh, Mr. Pecker! I'm so sorry! And look at your suit—the buttons were ripped clean off in the fall!" said Miss Lucy. "Give me your coat. I have needle and thread in my reticule and I can fix them in a minute."

"No—I mean, thank you—but—" mumbled Pecker, as he quickly pulled his coat about him. But he hadn't done it quickly enough. Sam had seen something that changed his whole opinion of the salesman. It was a pair of shoulder holsters, each with a revolver in it!

"Well, I'll be . . ." thought Sam. "Come to think of it, his hands don't look like a salesman's—and the way he got up showed a lot more ginger than I would have given him credit for. I wonder why, I'll bet he's the Blue Canyon Bandit!"

"Hey, Sam, have you got room in the stage for Marshal Higgins?" cried Old Man Mills. Sam turned and replied, "Sure, there's plenty of room, especially for a U. S. Marshal. I sure am glad to see you!"

"What's your trouble?" asked Higgins. "I've been runnin' this stage for the last year, and four times we've been held up. I've gotta hunch we're in for trouble up the Canyon, and I'm mighty sure I know who's goin' to start it!" Sam proceeded to tell Marshal Higgins his suspicions about the salesman. ". . . just take another look at him. He talks like a boomer—and looks like a boomer—but there's something about him that just doesn't jell. I've got half a mind to refuse to let him go on with us, Marshal."

"Don't do that," said Higgins. "You and me together can handle him, no matter what he tries to pull. If he is the Blue Canyon Bandit, this is as good a time as any to put a stop to his shenanigans. When do we start?"

"Right about now, if we're going to hit Gold

City by dark—and get through the Canyon before dusk," said Sam. "I'll get the others together."

Marshal Higgins sauntered over to where the three were standing and introduced himself to Miss Lucy, then to the salesman and Henry Craighead. "It's a pretty hot day for travellin'," Higgins drawled. His gaze turned sharply toward Harvey Pecker. "An' I hope there won't be any delays between here and Gold City, Mr.—Mr.—what did you say your name was, partner?"

Pecker's eyes narrowed in a barely discernible movement, and only the Marshal noticed the split-second hesitation before the salesman replied, "Pecker—Harvey Pecker—travellin' out of Kansas City for Walker and Company."

"To be sure—Pecker," said the Marshal. He turned to Miss Lucy and assisted her into the stagecoach, followed by the two remaining passengers.

As the stagecoach rolled on its way, the occupants, now refreshed by their brief stop at Mills' Post, began discussing the countryside and people, weather and politics. Bit by bit, the Marshal took over the conversation, leading it into channels of law enforcement and crimes. As he recounted one story after another of desperadoes he had known and of daring deeds he had heard of, he watched Pecker closely. The salesman, who was seated directly across from the Marshal and beside Henry Craighead, had little to add to the conversation, but he sat tense and expectant in the corner, watching Higgins more than listening to him. The tension between the two mounted, until even Miss Lucy and Craighead, ignorant of the cause of the crisis, were jumpy and nervous.

The coach creaked and swayed its way along the twisting canyon road. The settling sun made the shadows long and deep. Sam rode with his gun cocked and ready, his nervous gaze ranging each side of the road. He tried to hear what was going on inside the coach, but the racking and jolting of the wheels and the clatter of hooves made it impossible. Suddenly a shot rang out from inside the coach! Sam reined in the horses and pulled the brake. He leaned over from his seat to look down into the window of the coach, but the minute he came within eye-view of the interior, something hit him on the head and knocked him cold. He tumbled from the seat to the ground, unconscious.

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Ten minutes later Sam came to—in a hurry! A torrent of freezing water was dashed in his face and ran down over his shirt.

"Hey! What the . . ." he spluttered. Then, as he opened his eyes he gasped "Pecker! The Blue Canyon Bandit! Well, I was right—right as rain! What d'ya want with me? And what did you do with the Marshal?"

"Which one?" said Mr. Craighead. "Mr. Pecker here—or the phony one that's tied up in the stagecoach. That's where your Blue Canyon bandit is—thanks to Marshal Pecker!"

"Well, can you tie that!" exclaimed Sam. "And

here I had you pegged as the bandit, Pecker! For Pete's sake, tell me what happened! And what hit me?"

"I'm sorry about that, Sam!" said Pecker. "I had to do it, though, because I wasn't sure whether you were in cahoots with Higgins or not. In the first place, I've been patrolling the Blue River Canyon for a month now, waiting for the bandit to tether his horse in this section again. This morning I saw Higgins ride in here from South Gulch, leading a spare horse. He hitched him to a boulder down there by the river. I was sure he was our man, but you can't arrest a guy for leaving a horse in a suspicious place."

"Well, why didn't you let the company know so we could put guards on?" asked Sam.

"Because I knew that the bandit had information from somebody mixed up in the stagecoach company—either you or Old Man Mills. If a guard came along on the coach, the bandit wouldn't try the job today," said Pecker. "Anyway, I hotfooted it down to Ridge Creek, borrowed this outfit so I'd look like a bona fide passenger, and caught the coach. That's about all there is to it, except for taking Higgins into jail and questioning Old Man Mills."

"That's not all there is to it," said Miss Lucy. "You should have seen him when that Higgins first drew his gun. Mr. Pecker kicked the gun out of his hand like lightning. He knocked the bandit cold, then swung around and clipped you on the head with the butt of the gun. Goodness, it all happened so fast I still haven't caught my breath. We certainly are grateful to you, Marshal. I don't know how to thank you!"

"Nor I!" Mr. Craighead joined in. "I have pretty nearly ten thousand dollars in cash on me—the payroll for the crew that's building the Gold City Mill."

"Incidentally, Sam," said Pecker, "you'll be interested to know that Higgins is the one responsible for all the various robberies. He tipped his own hand on that one, by telling us stories of various crimes. Most of them were his own—and he naturally knew more details about the cases than even a marshal would know, including the size of the loot and the route of escape. In fact, it provided me with some clues for several unsolved robberies. His cleverness at disguise has fooled more than just you, Sam. The charges against him will keep him in the jug for a good long time to come."

"That's all right with me!" Sam said, mounting the driver's seat once more. "Even if it did cost me a bump on the head and a dousing. Well, let's get on, folks. I'm anxious to get this surprise package to the Gold City jail before night."

Pecker checked the bonds on the still-unconscious Higgins, then helped Miss Lucy and Craighead into the coach. "Goodnight, everybody. No hard feelings, Sam. I'll pick up Higgins' horse and follow you into town. Take good care of that new passenger of yours. He's going to be mighty surprised when he wakes up to find the tables have been turned on him." THE END

# SURE AS SHOOTIN'

by  
CLAUDE  
MOORE



ONE OF THE EARLY PIONEERS OF THE WEST  
SAID THAT THE SIZE OF THE KANSAS MOSQUITO  
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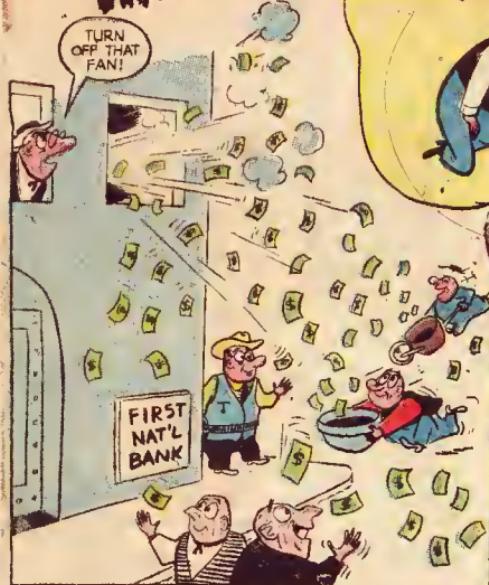
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MADE OF LEATHER AND  
SMEARED WITH GREASE  
AND TAR TO MAKE THEM  
WATERPROOF, PROTECTING  
THEIR HOOFs FROM THE MUD  
AND HOT DESERT SAND!



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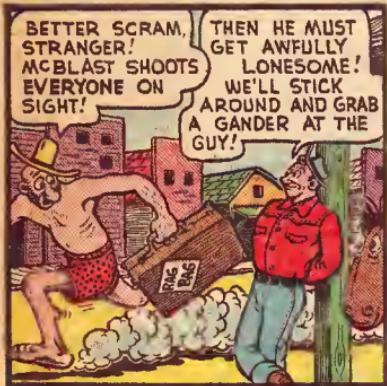
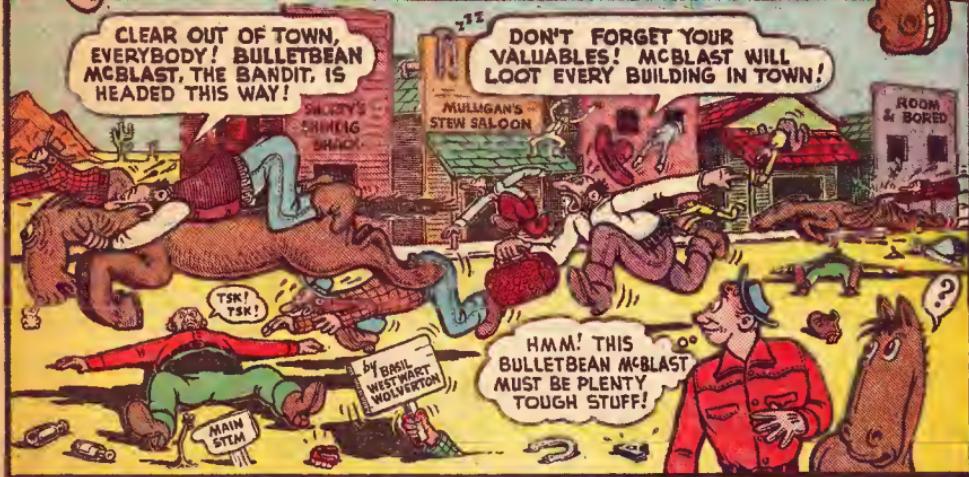
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THAT!  
DON'T  
TRY  
IT  
AGAIN!



READY, HEDY!

OW!

CRUNCH!

NOW GET OUT  
OF TOWN,  
MCBLAST,  
AND DON'T  
EVER SHOW  
UP AGAIN!

THINK YER  
CLEVER, EH?--

FRANK'S  
FLEALESS  
FLOPHOUSE

-- BUT YUH CAN'T  
OUTSMART ME!

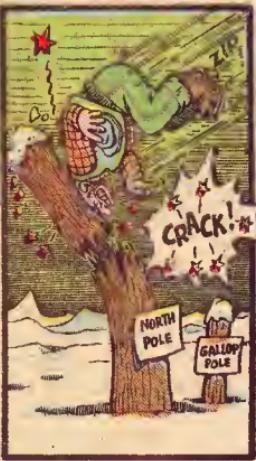
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PILLS IN YER PATE WILL  
PERMANENTLY PUT YUH  
PRONE, PEST!

DON'T BE  
TOO SURE,  
BOOR! MY  
TWO BULLETS  
STOPPED YOUR  
TWO BULLETS!

I DON'T  
BELIEVE  
IT!

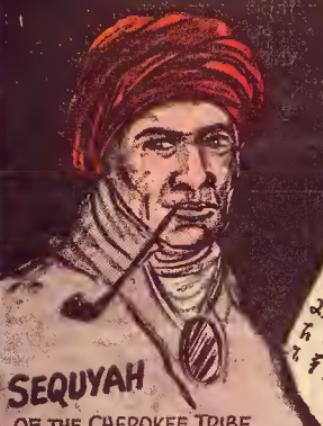
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I'M GONNA POUND YUH TO  
A PULP!





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A PLACE TO STAY WHILE WAITING  
TO GET INTO HEAVEN!



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AND THE RABBITS FLUSHED TOWARD THE  
NETS! THE RABBITS WERE CAUGHT  
IN THE MESH OF THE NETS AND  
COULDN'T GET FREE!



IROQUOIS

INDIANS

CARVED THEIR SADDLES  
OUT OF WOOD, AND THE  
STRAPS WERE MADE OF  
PLAITED BUFFALO HAIR!

THE BLOW GUN

WAS USED BY THE INDIANS  
TO HUNT BIRDS - FOR FOOD!



A SLAVE

WAS BURIED ALIVE  
WITH EVERY GREAT WARRIOR  
OF THE NORTHWEST INDIAN  
TRIBES  
TO SERVE HIM  
IN HEAVEN!



# BLACKHEADS "PET HATE"

## Say Men, Girls in Choosing Date

What a "black mark" is the blackhead... according to men and girls popular enough to be choosy about dates!

"Nobody's dreamboat!" "Npobody's date bait!" And that's not all—that's said of those who are careless about blackheads. But blackheads ARE ugly! Blackheads ARE grimy! And they DON'T look good in close-ups!

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Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you're YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are... and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them... if they want to!

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Take your "he-man"... super at track, games, sports of all kinds... who thinks that after just a shower he's ready to go anywhere! And won't the girls all admire his muscles?

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### Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. **BUT MAKE UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS!** Not, unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "slips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

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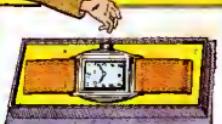


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